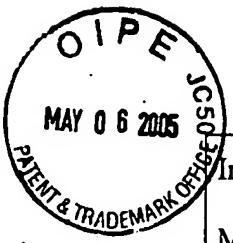


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner Faison:

Applicants are responding to the final Office Action dated March 8, 2005, which has a statutorily shortened period for response that ends on June 8, 2005.